

BENTON COUNTY QUORUM COURT

JUDGES REPORT

February 26, 2015

- Proposed location options for the new Benton County Justice Center will be discussed at the next Public Safety Committee meeting. The first option will be a presentation of the proposed downtown Bentonville location. The proposed Highway 102 option near the County Sheriff's Office will be presented at the next meeting.
- We have a plan to improve county roads leading to the new Bentonville West High School location in Centerton. The work will be completed in the spring of 2016 and the cost will be included in the 2016 County Road Budget.
- Weather has delayed completion of the remaining flood damaged roads. Depending on weather, the work will be complete in three weeks.
- We are engaging an engineering firm to formulate a repair strategy for the War Eagle Bridge. We will bring a budget to the court for review when an amount can be determined.
- I have decided to shift the funds budgeted for the paving of Sugar Creek road to other roads preferably in the Northeast quadrant. Looney Road, Commonwealth Road, Andy Buck Road and others are being considered. This decision is based primarily on the fact many residents on Sugar Creek Road and the mayor of Garfield did not want the paving improvements. We have many other options in that part of the county which meet our criteria for paving improvements.
- I heard nothing but rave reviews about the performance of the county road department on their snow and ice removal in the last storm. Please join me in congratulating them on a job well done.
- Exterior waterproofing on the Sheriff's office is complete and the interior microbial removal is scheduled to start next week. I am working with the Sheriff's Office on a conceptual plan to expand the jail in two areas. This discussion will be presented to the court next month.